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ORI Countdown

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Tip of the Week

☐ Maintain easy access to your *Airman's Manual* during all exercises and the upcoming inspection.

Courtesy of

65th ABW Inspections

Lajes In The Fight

(November 2006)

Space-required passengers handled 1,357 Space-available passengers handled 745 Cargo tons handled 209 Mail tons handled 31 Originating shipments, pieces handled 235, 155 Terminating shipments, pieces handled 277. 2.834 Aircraft handled 127

Weather Forecast

Saturday

Mostly cloudy Rain High 66



Courtesy of the 65th OSS Weather Flight





Feliz Ano Novo Team Lajes!

By Col. Robert "Dirt" Winston 65th Air Base Wing commander

The holiday season has passed and I want to wish you all the best for this New Year.

The New Year brings many different things. It is the opportunity to look back, reflect and celebrate all that you have accomplished and it is the opportunity to look forward and plan for what's to come.

2006 was marked with many successes and our team has many achievements to be proud of.

As a team, Lajes reached many new heights in 2006. To name a few, we celebrated 60 years of partnership between Portugal and the United States here at Lajes Field; construction of the new fitness center was completed; new base housing has been completed while other base housing has started renovations. We successfully combined our schools to become the Lajes American School which continues to provide world-class education for our children.

Your achievements have received recognition throughout USAFE. Together you earned \$50,000 when USAFE recognized your fitness excellence. Our team earned an "Outstanding" rating on the Air Traffic Systems Evaluation Program inspection and achieved an "Excellent" on the Logistic Standardization Evaluation Team Inspection.

Your achievements as individuals are no less impressive. One of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen walks among us and one of Lajes'

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Colonel Winston

own was recognized in her profession when she received an award for Excellence in Clinical Practice

We have American and Portuguese civilian team members who have won USAFE level recognition. The promotions, awards and degrees you have earned in the past year are testaments to the personal strength in each of you that makes Team Lajes great.

I am proudest of the fact that and we provided world-class support to more than 6,500 aircraft going to and from the Fight.

With the New Year's arrival, 2007 offers many more chances for Team Lajes to shine. The biggest opportunity comes in the preparation for and execution of Lajes' first Operational Readiness Inspection.

The next few months will be trying. We have made some serious headway toward meeting the goals we set for our performance in March, but we have a long way to go. What we do here is vital to getting "metal on target" in this war; always keep this in focus. I know that, as in the past, we will pull together and get the job done.

Your hard work and dedication to the mission are evident as we continue to put "Lajes in the Fight."

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Feliz Ano Novo Equipa das Lajes!

Pelo Coronel Robert "Dirt" Winston Comandante do 65th Air Base Wing

A quadra festiva já passou e quero desejar-vos tudo de bom para este Ano Novo. O Ano Novo traz muitas coisas diferentes. É a oportunidade de olhar para trás, reflectir e festejar tudo o que realizámos e é a oportunidade para olhar em frente e planear o que está para vir.

O ano de 2006 ficou marcado por muitos sucessos e a nossa equipa tem muitos feitos com que se orgulhar.

Como uma equipa, a Base das Lajes atingiu novos pontos altos em 2006. Só para nomear alguns, celebrámos 60 anos de parceria entre Portugal e os Estados Unidos aqui nas Lajes; completou-se a construção de um novo ginásio, foi também concluída a construção de novas residências na base enquanto outras começaram a serem renovadas. Juntámos com êxito as nossas escolas formando a Escola Americana das Lajes, a qual continua a proporcionar ensino de

qualidade às nossas crianças.

Os vossos feitos foram reconhecidos por todo o Comando do USAFE. Juntos ganharam 50,000 dólares quando o USAFE reconheceu a excelência da vossa condição física. A nossa equipa ganhou uma classificação de "Outstanding" na inspecção do Programa de Avaliação dos Sistemas de Tráfego Aéreo e "Excelente" na inspecção da Equipa de Avaliação da Uniformização Logística.

Os vossos feitos individuais não são menos impressionantes. Um dos 12 melhores militares da Força Aérea passeiase entre nós e uma das nossas militares foi reconhecida na sua profissão quando recebeu um prémio pela excelência no exercício da actividade clínica. Temos civis americanos e portugueses membros da equipa que foram reconhecidos ao nivel do USAFE. As promoções, prémios e graus académicos que conseguiram no ano passado são testemunho do vigor pessoal que existe em cada um de vós o que faz a Equipa das Lajes notável.

Estou muito orgulhoso pelo facto de proporcionarmos apoio de qualidade a mais de 6,500 aeronaves a caminho ou no regresso da batalha.

Com a chegada do Ano Novo, 2007 oferece muitas mais oportunidades à Equipa das Lajes para se distinguir. A maior oportunidade chega com a preparação e execução da primeira Inspecção de Prontidão Operacional do nosso destacamento nas Lajes.

Os próximos meses serão de ensaio. Fizemos alguns avanços significativos no sentido de ir ao encontro dos objectivos que estabelecemos para o nosso desempenho em Março, mas temos ainda muito a fazer. O que fazemos aqui é vital para que "as bombas atinjam o alvo"nesta guerra; mantenham isto sempre em mente.

Eu sei que, como no passado, trabalharemos em conjunto e atingiremos os nossos objectivos. O vosso trabalho árduo e dedicação à missão são evidentes enquanto continuamos a colocar as "Lajes na Luta."



Good to Know

Girl Scout cookies

Girl Scout cookies will be on sale from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. today and 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Oceanview BX and the Commissary.

People can also purchase cookies for the Girl Scouts to send to Lajes Airmen who are deployed.

For more information, e-mail shilo.weir@lajes.af.mil.

CFC recognition

Lajes' Combined Federal Campaign Recognition Ceremony is at 4 p.m. Jan. 23 in the Top of the Rock Club Ballroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more details, call Capt. Lisa Tauai at 535-1293.

Open house

The Airman and Family Readiness Center rings in the New Year with an Airman's Attic open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 25.

For more information call 535-4138.

Appointments

The postal staff asks customers set up appointments if mailing four or more boxes.

Setting up an appointment allows the staff to plan ahead and prevent long lines. This will help the post office better serve all customers.

For an appointment or more details, call 535-1203.

65th MDG parking

The primary parking areas for patients receiving care at the 65th Medical Group include the front and back of the clinic in Bldg. T-416 and the parking area across from Arts and Craft Center.

If these spaces are filled, additional parking options include the lot across from the Community Center and between the picnic area and Bldg. T-310, which is located across from the clinic campus.

For more information or if you have suggestions or comments, call Lt. Col. Phil Rutledge or Francisco Toste at 535-6335.

65th ABW leadership launches Commander's Access Channel

By Capt. Shilo Weir 65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The Lajes Field Community Access Channel officially launched Dec. 31 when the 65th Air Base Wing commander cut the ribbon at the Community Center during the Family New Year's Party.

The new channel makes news and information about Lajes' events and facilities available for all customers on the base cable system

"This will be a great way to not only provide information to our people," said Lt. Col. John Oliver, 65th Services Squadron commander, "but it will entertain them as well."

As part of the access channel programming, the staff at 65th SVS Marketing has added video of events that take place around the base

"We have been able to put events on the air that happened throughout the past year," said Tommy Brooks, 65th SVS Marketing director. "This new channel is an opportunity to get a variety of messages out to the audience in a new way."

"We invite all base agencies to take part in providing content," added Colonel Oliver. "That is the only way we can truly make this a tool for the community."

Team Lajes' new Commander's Access Channel is a reliable new medium customers



Where to find it

☐ To find the channel, auto tune your TV to Channel 48.

To put information on channel
☐ Contact Tommy Brooks, 65th
Services Marketing, at 535-6324 or
donald.brooks@lajes.af.mil.

can depend on for useful command information. In addition to providing news and entertainment programming, the CAC has real-world and exercise Force Protection Conditions information, weather updates, facility ours and event schedules

"This is a new channel and it is a new opportunity for us to get the word out to our people," said Col. Robert Winston, 65th ABW commander. "Working together, we can truly make this Lajes' own."



Holiday greetings from the homefront

You're doing a great job in the service of our country! Keep up the good work and best of luck to you all!

I'm an old World War vet who well remembers what it's like to be far from home, especially around the Holidays.

To you and the members of your unit.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

All the best for the Holidays and the New Year.

Sincerely,

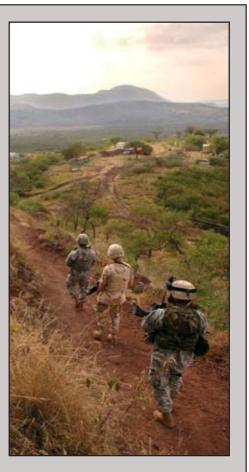
Franklin and Pam Ray Westbury, NY





In the Fight

(Above) Airman 1st Class Steven Brumley, right, radio operator deployed from Lajes to a contingency operating location in southern Ethiopia, troubleshoots a network connectivity problem along with Guam Army National Guardsman Sgt. Patrick Flores Dec. 27. (Right) Airman Brumbley, 65th Communications Squadron, takes part in a two-mile hike with two U.S. Army Soldiers. (Photos by Master Sgt. Scott Wagers)



Lajes Salutes

☐ Congratulations to Lajes' promotees for January:

To Airman 1st Class: Joshua Aldrich, 65th Communications Squadron; Bridget Bollinger, 65th Services Squadron; Danual Bullington, 65th Security Forces Squadron; Jabrail Chapman, 65th CS; Dustin Huggins, 65th SVS; Marc Romero, 65th SVS; Ashley Sorrell, 65th Mission Support Squadron

To Senior Airman: Robert Stark, 729th Air Mobility

To Staff Sergeant: **Novi Demiar**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **John Hair**, 65th LRS; **Tamara Lenzi**, 65th Operations Support Squadron; **Kenneth Lindstrom**, 65th CS; **Terry Todd**, 65th OSS

To Technical Sergeant: **Joanne Deuermeyer**, 65th Air Base Wing Legal; **Christin Michau**d, 65th ABW Public Affairs; **Aaron Smith**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron

☐ Way to go to **Airman 1st Class Troy Davis**, AFN Lajes, on his Senior Airman Below-the- Zone promotion.

☐ Congratulations to recent Lajes First Lieutenants chosen for promotion to Captain: Domingo Bradley, 729th Air Mobility Squadron; Liam Clancy, 65th Air Base Wing Protocol; Alexander Fletcher, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Michael Frymier, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; Kathryn Maurer, 65th CES; Kevin McNeely, 65th Operations Support Squadron; Brian Mihalko, 65th Communications Squadron;

Robert Phillips, 65th OSS; Joseph Sundy, 65th CS; Lewis Taylor, 65th CS; Adam Vaccarezza, 65th Services Squadron

☐ Way to go to four Lajes Technical Sergeants who recently graduated from the Kisling NCO Academy at Kapaun Air Station, Germany: Britt Bare, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; Justin Greer, 65th Medical Operations Squadron; Jessie Ojeda, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Mitchel Thompson, 65th LRS

☐ Way to go to recent high scorers on their Career Development Course end-of-course test: Senior Airman Michael Mathews, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, scored a 95; Airman 1st Class Ty Miller, 65th CES, scored a 93; Airman James Hewell, 65th Medical Group, scored a 93

☐ Way to go to graduates of the Dec. 12-14 Customer College class: Airman Ashley Zamonas, 729th Air Mobility Squadron; Airman 1st Class Keith Martincic, 65th Communications Squadron; Airman 1 st Class Nicholas Berardino, 65th CS; Staff Sgt. James Pollock, 65th CS; Senior Airman Lamar Thomas, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Senior Airman Portia Les'Pere, 65th Medical Operations Squadron; Staff Sgt. Jeremy Copeland, 65th MDOS; Airman 1st Class Dana Davis, 65th Mission Support Squadron; Senior Airman Portia Les'Pere was also voted as the class' Distinguished Graduate



Good to Know

Base inprocessing

Base inprocessing is now twice a week – at 10 a.m. Mondays and 2 p.m. Wednesdays in the down stairs basement of Bldg T-112.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ana Valenzuela at 535-3250.

Right Start briefings

Right Start are currently being held in the auditorium of the Education Center in Bldg. T-146.

SARC

Capt. Christopher Vaca is Lajes' sexual assault response coordinator. His office is located in Bldg. T-112 in the old American Red Cross building.

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program was created to address the issue of sexual assault and to foster a culture of prevention. The SARC is the source of allowing personnel to report sexual assaults confidentially.

To report a sexual assault or for details about the program, call 535-SARC (7272).

IDEA program

The IDEA Program is an incentive program to recognize submitters for approved ideas that benefit the government by streamlining processes or improving productivity and efficiency.

It also recognizes individuals for intangible benefits such as improving morale or working conditions. Ideas can be submitted via the Internet at https://ipdsmont.disa.mil.

For more information, contact your unit point of contact or the Installation IDEA Program Manager at 535-1144.

Straight Talk Line

The number to the Lajes Field Straight Talk Line is 535-3542 or 295-573-542.

This line is updated during wing exercises, emergencies, Force Protection Condition changes and more.

Afghan security forces becoming competent, capable, general says

By Army Sgt. Sara Wood American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The continued support of the U.S. and international community in building a strong Afghan army and police force is essential as that country moves forward with social and economic progress, the U.S. general in charge of training Afghan forces said Tuesday.

"Our ultimate goal here is to assist the nation by building Afghan capacity and capability to secure Afghanistan's territory and provide an Afghan shield for the nation's continued development," said Army Maj. Gen. Robert Durbin, commander of Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan. Durban spoke in a news conference via satellite from Afghanistan.

"This transition process will take time, but with steadfast U.S. and international support, it will happen," he said.

The Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police continue to make progress and demonstrate self-reliance in planning, preparing and executing security operations, General Durbin said. The Afghan National Army is 36,000 strong and on its way to an end-strength of 70,000, he said. The police force is at 50,000 and will grow to 82,000. The country will reach

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Maj. Gen. Robert Kurbin Commander, Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan

those manpower goals by the end of 2008, he said.

As the Afghan National Army conducts successful operations each day, its soldiers gain confidence and competence, General Durbin said. Improved living conditions in the field and in garrison, combined with pay reform and leadership improvements, have resulted in more recruits entering the security forces and lower rates of unauthorized absences, he said.

General Durbin lauded the partnership between the U.S. and Afghan governments in developing security forces.

"We are prevailing against the effects of a prolonged war, tribalism, poverty, illiteracy and the lack of infrastructure," he said. "We're producing an Afghan national security force that is competent and capable of defeating a determined insurgency, while setting the stage for social and economic progress."



Gift wrapping

Keilani Guerrero, 9, wraps a gift at the chapel Dec. 15 as part of the Lajes' annual Angel Tree Program. The program helped ensure 346 children on the island received toys for Christmas 2006. (Photo by Rita Guerrero)







Praia Fest 2006 kicked off Aug. 4. The event featured parades, an international food fair, sports competitions, arts and crafts, beach games and fireworks.

January

Jan. 4 - Tradewinds Dining Facility grand opening

Jan. 5. – Construction begins on new running track

Jan. 24 – Lajes youth takes second in local judo competition

Jan. 27 – Lajes Amazing Race

February

Feb. 5 - Super Bowl XL party at TORC

Feb. 13 – 2006 Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign kicks off

Feb. 23 – 2006 African-American Heritage Month Banquet

March

March 11 - Lajes' first Rumble on the Rock boxing

March 14 - HAAZ receives new commander

March 18 - Lajes Idol IV, Cub Scouts' Pinewood Derby

March 27 – Phase II mobility exercise at SFS Fields



(Above) Lajes' first Rumble on the Rock amateur boxing competition took place March 11 in the Community Activity Center. (Right) Community Appreciation Day, which featured aircraft static displays, music, food and dancing, was June 15.

Lajes Field, Az

Timeline of events that

April

April 16-20 – Earth Week 2006

April 24-28 - 65th MDG team wins USAFE chemical,

biological and radiological challenge

April 25 – Child Development Center staff, children

take part in first-ever earthquake drill

April 30 – 2006 street bullfight season begins

May

May 5 - Lajes earns 'Outstanding' ATSEP rating

May 15-19 - National Police Week 2006

May 19 - 2nd Annual Push-up Challenge

May 22 - Family Support Center becomes Airman

& Family Readiness Center; receives new mission

May 23 - Youth Center reopens doors after "Extreme Makeover"

June

June 2 – Combat Dining In

June 9 – Lajes American High School graduation

June 11 – Oklahoma Air National Guard unit

augments Team Lajes

June 15 – 2006 Community Appreciation Day

June 16 – Air Force selects Senior Master Henry

Parker, 65th Services Squadron, as one of its 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year

June 20 – 65th MSG receives new commander



In Review





ores, Portugal

at helped shape 2006

July

July 1 – Lajes begins transition to new license plates

July 4 - Freedom Fest 2006

July 3 – Lajes' new public Web site launched

July 12 - Renovations to Consolidated Support Facility begin

July 22 - Lajes team takes first in Angra 14K

July 18-19 - USAFE commander visits Lajes

July 27 – Team Lajes garners \$50,000 as part of USAFE

FitWing Challenge

August

Aug. 1 - U.S. Army tugboat departs Terceira

Aug. 4 – Lajes conducts NASA space shuttle exercise

Aug. 4 – Lajes military working dog retires

Aug. 4 - Praia Fest 2006 kicks off

Aug. 7 – External ESOHCAMP evaluation begins

Aug. 15 - Opening of Retiree Affairs Office

Aug. 27 - 2006-2007 school year begins

September

Sept. 3 – Tops In Blue performance at military port in Praia

Sept. 9 – 65th SVS' first Build-A-Boat Regatta

Sept. 15 – 2006 Air Force Ball

Sept. 21 – 65th SFS Airmen return from 263-day deployment

Sept. 22 - Hurricane Gordon bypasses Lajes, Terceira

Sept. 29 – DoD Eagle Vision experiment wraps up



(Below) Members of the 65th Operations Support Squadron and Portuguese air traffic controllers distributed gifts at the Santa Rita Hill Elementary School Christmas Party Dec. 18.

October

Oct. 20 – Lajes American High School wraps up Spirit Week with Powderpuff football game, bonfire

Oct. 24 - Air Base No. 4 receives new commander

Oct. 23-27 - Lajes earns 'Excellent' LSET inspection rating

November

Nov. 3 – Renovated portion of Chace Fitness Center opens as part of Lajes' Wingman Day 2006

Nov. 6 – One-year anniversary in partnership with Caravela's

Nov. 7 – Lajes American School ribbon cutting/dedication

Nov. 16 – Mid-Atlantic Lodge chief suites dedication

Nov. 17 - WWII Remembrance Ceremony

December

Dec. 7 – Lajes tree-lighting ceremony

Dec. 4-8 – Air Force team assess Lajes AT/FP vulnerabilities

Dec. 18 – 65th OSS, Portuguese air traffic controllers

distribute gifts to Portuguese kids at Santa Rita Elementary School Christmas Party

Lajes in the Fight!

PLANTER Submission deadline is Thursday one week prior to publication. E-mail announcements in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to news@lajes.af.mil.

Around Lajes

January OSC function: The Lajes Officers' Spouses' Club will host their January membership function, Election Night 2007, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Top of the Rock Club ballroom. Join for a variety of pasta and an opportunity to catch up with everyone after the holidays. Cost is \$6 (club members) or \$7 (non-club members) per person. RSVP's are required by contacting Barb at 295-549-832 or lajesoscreservations@ yahoo.com. All spouses of U.S. military officers, DoD/DoDDS civilian employees and their spouses (GS-09) or above and equivalents as well as spouses of contract civilians are welcome to attend.

Date change: The Child Development Center's "Give Parents a Break" program is now Jan. 19. For more details, call Barbara Lohr at 535-3192.

Lajes Idol V: This event takes place at 8 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Top of the Rock Club. To participate in the competition, sign up at the Community Center now through Jan. 26. For more details, call 535-5216 or e-mail rudolph.wallace@lajes.af.mil.

CDC openings: The Child Development Center has openings for children 6 weeks to 4 years old in their hourly care and full-time program. Room is also available in the Part-Day Enrichment Program for 3 and 4 year olds. For more information, call

Spiritual Fitness

Change in CWOC meeting date: The Catholic Women of the Chapel will meet at the chapel at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday instead of the normal second Wednesday of the month. Mass will take place at 7 p.m. at Fr. Bento's parish in São Sebastião. For more information, call Lisa Gallant at 295-549-504.

Catholic Youth of the chapel lock-in, Sunday and Monday; Protestant Women of the chapel monthly fellowship focusing on effective weight loss and weight management, 7 p.m. Monday; Protestant Youth of the Chapel retreat, Jan. 19-21; Men's spiritual leadership training/breakfast, 8 a.m. Jan. 20; SUM dinner, 5:30 p.m. Jan. 25; Mothers Study based on Pope John Paul II's Familia Concortio, 11 a.m. Jan. 26.

All events take place at the chapel unless listed otherwise. Call 535-4211 for details.

Education

University of Maryland University College: Term 3 course registration ends today. Registration is open to all U.S. military I.D. cardholders who meet the university's admission requirements. The term begins Jan. 15 and ends March 10 for face-to-face courses; online courses end 29 April. For more information, call Johnny Bryant at 535-4187.

University of Phoenix: The university offers the Master of Business Administration and several Master of Arts in Education programs to the Lajes community. Classes are six weeks long and people can earn their degree in less than 24 months. There is no thesis or entrance exams required. For more information, call Etleva Davis at 535-1970 or visit the Education Center in Bldg. T-146, Room 227.

Central Texas College: Beginning Wednesday and continuing through Feb. 9, CTC will change their days from Monday through Thursday to Monday, Wednesday through Friday. For more details, call 535-6722

OU spring courses: The next on-site course is "Spiritual Dynamics of Alcoholism & Recovery," a 3-hour elective for the University of Oklahoma's Master of Human Relations degree program. Course dates are March 6-11. Call Kate Etheredge at 535-3171 for more details.

Lajes Schools

Parent survey: Parent opinions are paramount when it comes to improving the quality of education being provided to the children at Lajes American School. If you did not complete the on-line survey during the Parent Teacher conference, visit http://www.dodea.edu, click on "Customer Satisfaction Survey"; select Mediterranean District followed by Lajes ES/HS School. Parents are asked to complete a separate survey for each enrolled child and are welcome to stop by the school and use one of the computers to complete the survey if they do have access to a computer.

School bus monitors: Lajes is looking for volunteer school bus monitors. If interested or for more details, call Yolanda Castro, school liaison officer, at yolanda. castro@lajes.af.mil or call her at 535-1314.

Miscellaneous

AFE survey: Armed Forces Entertainment is launching a brand awareness campaign, which is designed to encourage more entertainers to perform on military installations overseas at deployed locations. Before this new initiative begins. AFE needs to see how they are meeting the needs of Lajes before proceeding in building more programs. Visit http:// www. core research.biz/troop to complete the survey.

Toll free calls: To make a call to 1-800, 888, 866, 877 tollfree prefixes, Team Lajes can call DSN 809-40FFDSN (809-463-3376). Callers do not have to dial the traditional 94 prefix for to access this DSN number. After dialing, callers will hear a dial tone. They can dial the toll-free number as soon as they hear the dial tone. This procedure reduces the workload of base operators, reduces the call holding time incurred, and also improve services to all DSN users.

Classified Ads

E-mail classified ads to news@lajes.af.mil by 5 p.m. the Thursday prior to the week you need it published. Remember to notify the Crossroads editor when items have been sold.

Lexmark X72 multifunction machine printer, scanner, and copier, \$50; new Duralast semi-metallic rear brake pads. \$15; new Duralast ceramic brake pads, \$35; Whirleybounce rider, \$40; Baby Trend 3 position recline/6 position height adjustment w/ dishwasher safe tray, \$30; umbrella stroller, \$7; Baby Trend stroller which can hold infant carriers, \$35; GE 32-inch TV, \$40. If interested, call Monica at 96-893-6399

For sale: 1991 Burgundy BMW 520I, 5speed manual trans, sunroof, excellent condition. Car is tagged until Oct. 2007 Call Carl at (work) 535-1385, (cell) 96-915-6583. Asking \$3,500.

For sale: 2003 Honda Element EX. 53,500 miles, champaign exterior with gray and black interior, low emissions vehicle, CD player, MP3 ready, built-in subwoffer, manual transmission, 2.4 Ltr. removable rear seats, sunroof, waterproof interior, suicide doors, rubber front and rear bumpers (ideal for this location), extra head clearance and rear seat leg room, lift gate rear for easy loading and great gas mileage. Great car and sad to get rid of. Call CB or Kim at 295-549-681.

For sale: JVC portable CD, cassette. radio w/ 10 CD changer, double cassette recorder, remote control. detachable speakers, original owners manual. In perfect condition, Please make an offer. Call 295-542-341.

For sale: 1989 Chevrolet full-size conversion van. Automatic, AC, all electric. Great island bomb or large family vehicle. \$1,700 or best offer. Contact Lyle Riley at 535-2465 or 295-579-594 if interested.

Items for sale: Car subwoofers: Three 10 inch JL and one 10 inch MTX, \$75 each: box for two 10inch subwoofers, free if you buy two subwoofers or \$35, one 12 inch subwoofer in box with amp, \$150 OBO; 7foot Christmas tree including some lights and ornaments, \$50; large (tropical island scene) lighted motion sound (fiber-optic) picture, \$100 OBO: Sony Handycam DCR HC46 video camera, \$499 OBO (retail \$700+ with all extras); 1 MegaPixel CCD/ 2.7 inch 16:9 touch LCD screen/12x optical, 800x digital zoom/progressive shutter system/Super SteadyShot and Super NightShot plus technology/AC-L25 power adapter/in-camera charger, two NP-FP50 InfoLithium rechargeable batteries, remote control, stereo A/V cable, USB cable, lens cap, CD-ROM with USB driver camera extras: DCR-HC46 docking station, 512mb memory stick duo, high resolution wide-angle lens, high-resolution telephoto lens, high resolution-professional three-piece filter kit, deluxe carry case, 'tabletop' tripod and cleaning kit. If interested call David or Tanya at 295-549-756 or e-mail david.saltis@gmail.com.

House for rent: 3-bedroom house located on the main road going to Biscoitos (10 minutes from the base by car) in a nice and calm neighborhood. Has two double bedrooms, one children's bedroom, two living rooms, a kitchen, a storage room and a big garden. Furnished. Cable and TV line available. Price negotiable. E-mail q_uaresma@hotmail.com or call 91-876-8415 for more details, house visit or photos.

PCS'ing to MacDill? Brand new 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage for rent. Built in 2005 in new community 15-20 minutes from MacDill. Kitchen is fully loaded with new fridge, stove, and dishwasher, Appliances never used. Only lived in a couple days due to PCS. Great view of man-made pond, public pool and many more amenities. Immediate move in available! Call Chris at 295-549-826 or 535-5280.

Wanted: Large dog travel kennel, If anyone has one they're willing to sell, call David or Tanya at 295-549-756 or e-mail at , david.saltis@gmail.com.



Hours of operation — AAFES



☐ Ocean Front BX: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday

☐ Flight View BX: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

☐ Shoppette: 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays; 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday; noon to 8 p.m. Sunday

☐ Military Clothing Sales **Store**: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday ☐ Car Care Center: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday

☐ Furniture Store: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

☐ Reel Time Theater: Showings on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday ☐ Beauty Shop: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through

☐ Barber Shop: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday □ New Car Sales: 10 a.m. to

6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; noon to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday □ AAFES Administration:

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays ☐ Ilha Rent-a-Car: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday

☐ Vescovi Coffee Shop: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday

through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday ☐ Burger King: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday

Holiday hours: The Ocean View BX, Flight View BX and Burger King are closed on Portuguese holidays. The shoppette opens from noon to 8 p.m., and the military clothing sales store opens from noon to 6 p.m. All facilities are open normal hours on U.S. holidays.



At the movies

Saturday

Today

7 p.m. - Deck the Halls starring Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick. Steve, a suburban dad and

Christmas enthusiast, leads a well-ordered, well-planned, and well-organized life. His new neighbor, Buddy, is Steve's opposite: a big personality with big dreams, which have yet to materialize. But Buddy's latest dream to create the biggest holiday light display in the world, visible from outer space - is



turning Steve's disciplined world into a chaotic nightmare. Rated PG for crude/suggestive humor and language (95 minutes).

10 p.m. - Casino Royale starring Daniel Craig and Judi Dench. James Bond's first 007 mission takes him to Madagascar, where he is to spy on a terrorist Mollaka. Not everything goes as planned and Bond decides to investigate, independently of the MI6 agency, in order to track down the rest of the terrorist cell. Rated PG-13 for violent action, torture, sexual content, nudity (144 minutes).

Saturday

7 p.m. - Casino Royale

10 p.m. - Déià vu starring Denzel Washington and Val Kilmer. Everyone has experienced the unsettling mystery of déjà vu – that flash of memory when you meet someone new you feel you've known all your life or recognize a place even though you've never been there before. But what if the feelings were actually warnings sent from the past or clues to the future? Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence/terror, disturbing images, sensuality (128 minutes).

Sunday

2 p.m. - Deck the Halls 7 p.m. – Casino Royale

Thursday

7 p.m. – Déjà vu

SFS Blotter

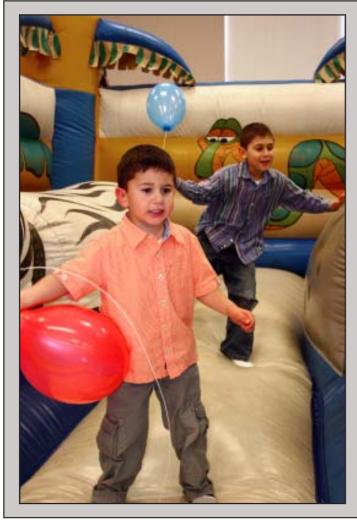
SAFETY ADVISORY: Be Wary of Strangers

There has been a recent increase in incidents involving strangers approaching American residences both on and off base. Be careful not to open your door to just anyone as we recently had an incident. Also, advise your dependents never to open the door for strangers especially when home alone.

OFF BASE ROBBERY/WITH WEAPON:

DATE: Dec. 24, 2006 **LOCATION: Porto Martins**

SUMMARY: A first sergeant telephoned the Security Defense Control Center to report that a member from his unit was robbed at knife point at the member's residence in Porto Martins. The member provided a sworn statement that at approximately 2 p.m. an unknown male knocked on her front door asking for a bottle of water and asked if she was alone in the house. She opened the door because she recognized the individual from the previous week when he showed up at her residence asking for donations for a local church. The member closed the front door and went to go get a bottle of water while the individual stayed outside. She returned with the water and after he drank enough, he wanted to give it back to her. The member took the water bottle from him and attempted to shut door but the individual forced the door open and pulled out a knife. The individual demanded money. The member told him that she didn't have any but he insisted she check her wallet anyways. The unidentified male took more than 40 Euros from the member and then departed. The member provided the police with a physical description of the individual. There was no damage to the residence and no injuries.





Fun for all ages

(Left) David Ruiz, 4, and his brother, Daniel, 6, enjoy balloons inside the bouncy castle during Team Lajes' Family New Year's Party Dec. 31 at the Community Activity Center. (Above) David Ruiz, throws at dodgeball at Maj. Bret Heerema, 65th Medical Group, during the Parents vs. Kids Dodgeball Game. The day's events also featured free bowling, clowns, a DJ, kids games, story time and a free movie. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sanford)

Improve oral health by keeping Xylitol in your diet

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cavities are the most

common chronic childhood disease in America, four times more so than asthma.

The cause of tooth decay depends heavily on the combination of acid-producing bacteria and fermentable carbohydrates, such as sugar or glucose, present in the mouth.

This basically means eating any foods with sugar not followed by brushing your teeth can lead to decay.

While much of your oral health depends on habits such as diet, hygiene and smoking, products do exist to assist in preventing tooth decay both in children and adults.

An examination performed by one of Lajes' dentists can help determine exactly what you need to avoid cavities. This definitely applies to children, as well.

The 65th Dental Flight has appointment availability for all active duty and their family members.

Placement of dental sealants has been statistically shown to have a tremendous im-

pact on preventing tooth de-

Based on the results of an exam, a dentist can find out whether you or your child can benefit from sealants. Both inoffice fluoride applications and fluoridated waters, such as the Culligan water available on base, offer added protection from tooth decay.

A newer idea in preventing decay is through habitual chewing of various gums containing the sugar substitute, Xylitol.

Xylitol is an organic sugar from the Birch tree. Naturally, it is found in many fruits and has been used as a sugar substitute in Finland, considered its homeland.

It's also been commonly used in many parts of Europe over the past few decades.

When chewed regularly in gum form or ingested through various hard candies or mints, Xylitol has been shown as 'tooth-

Info

For more information

☐ Call the 65th Dental Flight at 535-3261, option 2.

friendly' in its ability to distract bacteria from beginning the process of decay.

Xylitol, verified through numerous studies conducted worldwide, may have perpetuated effects lasting sometimes years after habitual gum-chewing of 2-3 times a day has ended. A simple search on the web can give you endless sources to help make your decision to include Xylitol in your diet.

The next time you go to buy a package of gum, check for Xylitol in the ingredients.

"One only needs about 6-10 grams of Xylitol in their diet each day to benefit the oral environment," said Capt. (Dr.) Jerry Walker, dentist, 65th Medical Operations Squadron.

Not only has Xylitol been found to decrease decay, it has been shown to have preventive measures for hyperglycemia, osteoporosis, and ear infections as well. (Article courtesy of the 65th Dental Flight)

SPORTS/FITNESS





Sports Shorts





MLK sports celebration

The African-American Heritage Committee holds a Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Sports Celebration Monday beginning in the Lajes American High School Gymnasium.

A dribble, pass and shoot competition is from 10 to 11 a.m.; 3-point shooting contest is from 11 a.m. to noon; top-gunner (scoring challenge) is from noon to 1 p.m.; and a basketball all-star game is at 1 p.m.

All events are timed events and the winner of each event will receive a prize. Age groups are 5-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-12 years and high school/ adult.

Those who want to participate should show up five minutes before the event begins.

For more details, call Master Sgt. Lisa Bryant at 535-6197, Master Sgt. Richard Barnett at 535-3585 or Calvin Dixon at 535-1290.

Survival Challenge

The Chace Fitness Center is holding a survival challenge to encourage all of Team Lajes to stay focused on fitness following the holiday season.

Those who sign up in FitLinx between Jan. 1 and March 31 and burn 17,500 calories (equivalent to five pounds of fat) will win a fitness Tehirt

People also registered in FitLinx are also welcome to participate. For sign up or registration information, visit the fitness center or call Calvin Dixon at 535-1290.

Free pool tournament

A race-to-five, nine-ball pool tournament in a double elimination format is set for 6 p.m. Thursday in the Community Activity Center. The first place finisher will receive a prize from the 65th Services Squadron.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Adam Caldwell at 535-3301.

TORC Superbowl Blowout

Event starts at 9 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Top of the Rock Club's Enlisted Lounge. The buffet will last through halftime with the Bits and Bites menu being served until the game is finished.

There will be prizes throughout the game with the AFN Commercial Contest taking place at half-time. The cost is \$5 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

For more details, call Kent Jenkins at 535-6156.

Tumbling, gymnastics

The Lajes Youth Center will hold tumbling and gymnastics lessons in the coming months.

Classes will be from 5 to 6 p.m.

Wednesdays for ages 3-5; the cost is \$25 per month. Classes will be from 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 6-12 and from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; the cost is \$35 per month. Registration kicks off Jan. 23. For more information, call 535-3273.

Judo lessons

The Lajes Youth Center will hold judo lessons in the coming months. Classes will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for ages 4-18 and from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for adults; the cost is \$35 per month.

Registration kicks off Jan. 23. For more information, call 535-3273.

Basketball championships

The 2007 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Large Units Basketball Championships is scheduled for March 4-10 at RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom.

Both men's and women's teams will play round-robin in their respective pool.

Valid U.S. military, civilian and dependent ID cardholders are authorized to participate; however, U.S. active duty personnel have priority above all others. Team members must be 18 years of age or older and out of high school.

For more information, call Tony Baptista at 535-1290.

Armchair Quarterback Challenge

Our winners from Week 16 and Week 17 are repeat champions — **Michael Flores** and **Adrian Lara**. Great job guys!

The divisional playoffs begin this weekend. Have fun with your picks!

"I can't be beat and always invite a challenge. This is a fun column the PA folks put together. I just need more challengers."

> Michael Flores Week 16 champ

"Don't hate me cause you ain't

Adrian Lara Week 17 champ





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Divisional Playoffs
Saturday Games

Indianapolis at Baltimore
Philadelphia at New Orleans
Sunday Games

☐ Seattle at Chicago☐ New England at San Diego

Total points for last game listed

☐ Editor's note: Bring picks to the Public Affairs office in room 240 of Bldg. T-100 or e-mail them to news@lajes.af.mil. Submissions must be made before the opening kickoff to the first game listed. In the case of a tie, a winner will be decided by who picks the closest combined score of the last game listed.



Arts and Crafts Center

Lajes services and facility hours of operation

Arts and Crafts Center
Wood/Engraving, Frame Shop
(Bldg.T-308) 535-3909/535-5255
Mondays Closed
Tuesdays Noon-8 p.m. Wednesdays Noon-8 p.m.
Thursdays Noon-8 p.m.
Fridays 10 a m -6 n m
Fridays 10 a.m6 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m6 p.m.
Sundays, Mondays Closed
Portuguese holidays Closed
Atlantic Island Kennels
(Bldg. T-587) 535-3855
Weekdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturdays9 a.m. to noon
Sundays, holidays Closed
☐ Closed for lunch from 1 to
2 p.m. daily; groomer available
by reservation during normal operating hours.
operating nours.
Auto Shop
(Bldg. T-424) 535-3513
Tuesdays 10 a.m 9:30 p.m.
Wednesdays .10 a.m 9:30 p.m.
Thursdays 10 a.m 9:30 p.m.
Fridays 10 a.m 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m 4:30 p.m.
Sundays, Mondays Closed
Portuguese holidays Closed
Auto Shop Annex
(Bldg. T-424) 535-3174
Mondays Closed
Tuesdays 8 a.m 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 8 a.m 5:30 p.m. Thursdays 8 a.m 5:30 p.m.
Fridays 8 a.m 5:30 p.m.
Saturdays 8 a.m 5:30 p.m.
Sundays, holidays Closed
Burger King - AAFES
(Bldg. T-169) 535-3849
Mondays 7 a.m 11 p.m.
Tuesdays 7 a.m 11 p.m.
Wednesdays 7 a.m 11 p.m. Thursdays 7 a.m 11 p.m.
Thursdays 7 a.m 11 p.m.
Fridays 7 a.m 12:30 a.m.
Saturdays 8 a.m 12:30 a.m.
Sundays 8 a.m 9:30 p.m.
Child Development Center
(Bldg. T-209) 535-3188/3192
Mondays 7 a.m 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday 7 a.m 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays 7 a.m 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 7 a.m 5:30 p.m.
Thursdays 7 a.m 5:30 p.m.
Fridays 7 a.m 5:30 p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays Closed
U.S. holidays Closed
Community Center
(Bldg. T-307) 535-4135/5216
Mondays Closed
Tuesdays 10 a m - 8 n m

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Wednesdays 10 a.m 8 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m 8 p.m. Fridays 10 a.m 8 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m 8 p.m. Sundays noon - 5 p.m. Portuguese holidays Closed
Fitness Center
(Bldg. T-333) 535-6126
Mondays 6 a.m 9 p.m.
Tuesdays 6 a.m 9 p.m.
Wednesdays 6 a.m 9 p.m.
Thursdays 6 a.m 9 p.m.
Fridays 6 a.m 9 p.m.

Down days 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Flight Kitchen

Saturdays 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sundays 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Holidays 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

(Bldg.	T-701) 53	5-6389	/6390
Under re	enovations		Closed

Hillside Bowling Center

(Bldg. T-169) 535-6210/1147
Mondays Closed
Tuesdays 4 - 11 p.m.
Wednesdays 9 a.m 11 p.m.
Thursdays 9 a.m 11 p.m.
Fridays 10 a.m 12:30 a.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m 12:30 a.m.
Sundays 2 - 9:30 p.m.
Portuguese holidays Closed

Human Resources Office

(Bldg. T-112) 535-6582/5200

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Weekdays	9	a.m.	- 4 p.m.
Weekends, ho	lidays		Closed

Laundry and Dry Cleaners

(Bldg. T-207) 535-3630 Weekdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays Closed Portuguese holidays Closed

Library

(Bldg. T-208) 535-3688
Mondays 3 - 8 p.m.
Tuesdays 10 a.m 8 p.m.
Wednesdays 10 a.m 8 p.m.
Thursdays 10 a.m 8 p.m.
Fridays 10 a.m 6 p.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m 5 p.m.
Sundays 11 a.m 5 p.m.

Holidays	. Open
Christmas Day	Closed
New Year's Day	Closed

Lodging

(Bldg. T-166) 535-5178 295-54-5178 from off base Daily Open 24 hours

Oceanview Island Grill

(Bldg. T-319) 535-3387 Daily 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Home deliveries 4 - 11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation and Sports Equipment

Pre-Teen Program

School Age Program

(Bldg. T-240) 535-1197
Weekdays 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Weekends Closed
U.S. holidays Closed

☐ Weekday hours are before
and/or after school.

Subway

Teen Center

(Bldg. T-240) 535-1197 Weekdays 2 - 6 p.m. Fridays 9 p.m. - midnight Saturdays 9 p.m. - midnight

Sunday Closed
Top of the Rock Club (Bldg. T-121) 535-3202/6156
Administrative office
Mondays 8 a.m 1:30 p.m.
Tuesdays through Fridays
8 a.m 5 p.m.
Breakfast
Saturdays 8 a.m noon
Lunch
Mondays through Saturdays
11 a.m 1:30 p.m.
Dinner
Tuesdays through Saturdays
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Lounge
Mondays Closed
Tuesdays 4 - 11 p.m.
Wednesdays 4 - 11 p.m.
Thursdays 4 p.m 2 a.m.
Fridays 4 p.m 4 a.m.
Saturdays 4 p.m 3 a.m.
Sundays Closed
Food and Fun
Weekdays 9 a.m 3 p.m.
Tuesdays 10 a.m 9:30 p.m.
Wednesdays10 a.m 9:30 p.m.
Thursdays 10 a m - 9:30 n m
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Fridays 10 a.m 6:30 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m 4:30 p.m.
Fridays 10 a.m 6:30 p.m.

Tradewinds Dining Facility (Bldg. T-415) 535-4156

☐ Food and Fun closed the last

holidays and U.S. Army and Air

working day of the month for inventory as well as all federal

Force training days.

ig. 1-415) 535-4156 **Breakfast**

Weekdays, holidays ... 6 - 9 a.m. Weekends 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Lunch** Weekdays 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Holidays 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Veterinary Clinic (Bldg. T-459) 535-3134

Weekdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Weekends Closed ☐ Night clinic available monthly.

Youth Program Administrative Office

(Bldg. T-240) 535-3273/1197 Weekdays noon to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.